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(54) Grill pan liner

(57) A liner for a grill pan comprises a lower impermeable sheet of grease-proof material (11) an upper perforated sheet of grease proof material (13) and at least one layer of absorbent material (14) sandwiched between the upper and lower sheets. The upper (13) and lower (11) sheets are preferably aluminium sheets.

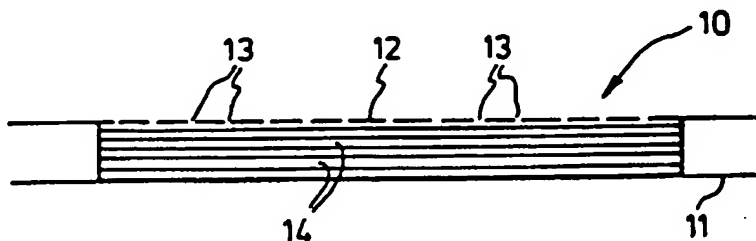


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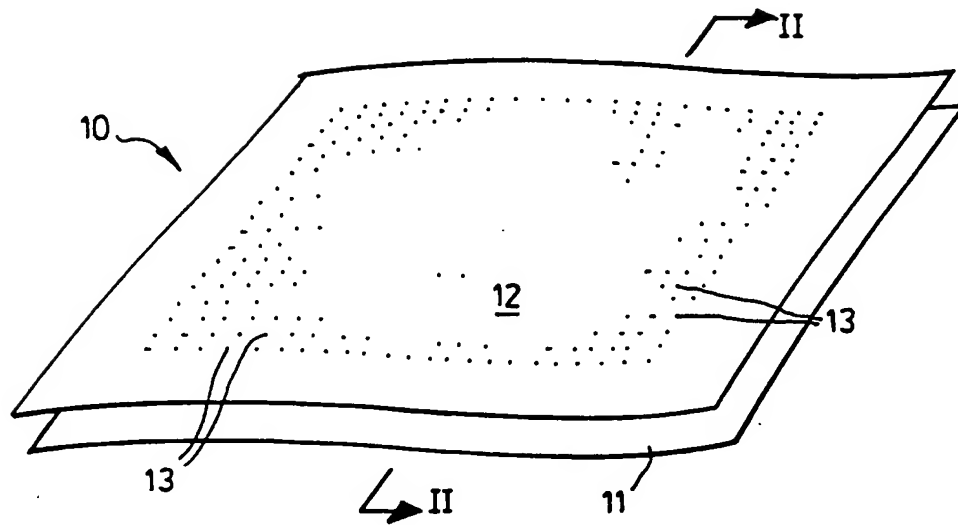


FIG. 1

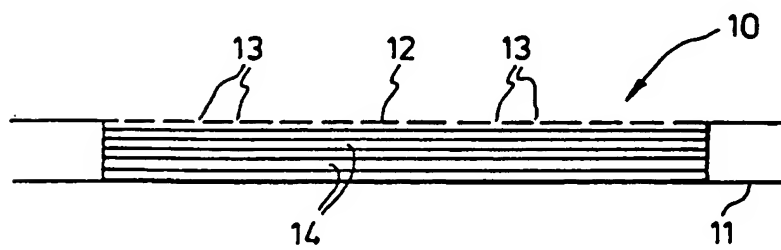


FIG. 2

GRILL PAN LINER

This invention concerns a disposable liner for a grill pan.

It is a common practice for a cook to lay a sheet of foil as a liner over the bottom of the grill pan before use in the expectation of reducing the cleaning operation by being able to discard fat rendered from foods during cooking with the liner leaving the pan itself relatively clean. This practice is generally only partially successful unless special care is take to turn up the edges of the liner to form a shallow dish, but in any event leaves the rendered fat free and exposed to the heat source with risk of spillage and fire.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a liner for a grill pan which overcomes the shortcomings aforesaid.

According to the present invention there is provided a liner for a grill pan comprising a lower impermeable sheet of grease-proof material, an upper perforated sheet of grease-proof material and at least one layer of absorbent material between the upper and lower sheets.

The upper and lower sheets may be of aluminium foil.

The upper and lower sheets may extend outwardly from the edges of the absorbent material.

The absorbent material may be of paper.

The invention will be further apparent from the following description, with reference to the figures of the accompanying drawing, which show, by way of example only, one form of liner embodying same.

Of the drawings:-

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the liner, and

Figure 2 shows a cross-section through the liner on the line II-II of Figure 1.

Referring now to the drawing, it will be seen that the liner generally indicated at 10 comprises a lower sheet 11 of aluminium foil, which is impermeable to molten fat, and an upper sheet 12 of aluminium foil which is provided with perforations 13 therethrough making it permeable to molten fat.

Sandwiched between the upper and lower sheets are a plurality of layers 14 of absorbent paper.

The upper and lower sheets extend outwardly of the edges of the layers 14, and are sealed together by a suitable means such as an adhesive.

The liner 10 is designed to protect the grill pan bottom thereby removing the need to clean grease and fat from the pan after use. It quickly absorbs grease and fat

stopping spitting and potential fire hazards when grilling. The hot fat is no longer exposed to the heat of an electric element or the flames from a gas fired grill. Once the grease is through the upper perforated sheet 12 it is retained by the absorbent layers 14 and is no longer a hazard.

In use the edges of the upper and lower sheets are gathered together and folded a number of times to form an adequate seal to ensure that hot fat is retained within the liner and bent upwardly to conform to the contours of the grill pan.

The grill pan liner keeps the grill pan clean and free from grease and other waste from the cooking process. Once cool it can be removed from the pan and discarded leaving the pan clean and free from grease. The tedious task of scraping out the pan and washing it, in a sink often too small to hold it, is removed completely.

The design promotes safety in the home as it takes away hazardous boiling fat and holds it behind a foil membrane away from the source of heat. The fat no longer floats around the pan with risk of spillage causing injury or soiling. As well as reducing the risk of fire and injury in the kitchen the liner cuts down the spitting action of the previously exposed fat leaving the oven somewhat cleaner. The liner also significantly reduces odours associated with grilling as hot fat is no longer exposed to direct heat.

It will be appreciated that it is not intended to limit the invention to the above example only, many variations, such as might readily occur to one skilled in the art being possible, without departing from the scope thereof.

CLAIMS

1. A liner for a grill pan comprising a lower impermeable sheet of grease-proof material, an upper perforated sheet of grease-proof material and at least one layer of absorbent material between the upper and lower sheets.
2. A liner for a grill pan according to claim wherein the upper and lower sheets are of aluminium foil.
3. A liner for a grill pan according to either claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the upper and lower sheets extend outwardly from the edges of the absorbent material.
4. A liner for a grill pan according to claim 3 wherein the edges of the upper and lower sheets are sealed together.
5. A liner for a grill pan according to any preceding claim wherein the absorbent material is of paper.
6. A liner for a grill pan according to claim 5 wherein there are a plurality of layers of paper.
6. A liner for a grill pan substantially as described herein with reference to and as illustrated by the figures of the accompanying drawings.

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